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- 1. DCM MET LATE SEPT 8 WITH MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN TO CONVEY US POSITIONS REFTELS. RUTTEN'S REVIEW OF RESULTS OF FONMIN VAN DER STOEL'S ANKARA VISIT REPORTED SEPTEL.
- 2. IN CONNECTION WITH MATERIAL ON MIDDLE EAST RUTTEN NOTED THAT COMMENTS ON AID TO EGYPT ECHOED INFORMATION IN RECENT LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER. LETTER HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO ITALIANER (DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN COOPERATION) SINCE SUCH FOOD AID FELL WITHIN PURVIEW OF COMMISSION. AFTER NOTING THATEC-9 STILL HAD NOT REACHED COMMON POSITION ON PLO, HE ASKED AGAIN WHETHER US HAD MADE DEMARCHES IN LONDON, BONN AND COPENHAGEN (THE HAGUE 4765).
- 3. TURNING TO TERRORISM, RUTTEN EXPLAINED THAT PROBABLY DISCUSSION WOULD FOCUS ON FRENCH PROBLEMS WITH STRASBOURG CONFIDENTIAL

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CONVENTION. HE ADDED THAT FRENCH HAD ASKED THAT ITEM BE

DELETED FROM AGENDA BECAUSE OF NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT, BUT FRG HAD INSISTED UPON ITS RETENTION. HE ASSUMED DISCUSSION WOULD CLARIFY FRENCH ATTITUDES. WITH RESPECT TO ARTICLE V OF CONVENTION, RUTTEN THOUGHT USE OF WORDS "POLITICAL OPINION" RATHER THAN "POLITICAL ACTION" PRESERVED PURPOSE OF CONVENTION SINCE OBJECTIVE WAS TO ENSURE EXTRADTION WHEN ACT OF VIOLENCE OCCURRED. HE SUGGESTED EMBASSYCONSULT FURTHER WITH OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND GENERAL LEGAL QUESTIONS, WHICH WE INTEND TO DO.

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